

## First Off

By JON VOLKMAN  
*Prospectus Editor*

One day, a project will be finished.

It seems my life has become filled with unfinished projects and abandoned tasks. I start on a project with good intentions, and suddenly it is interfered with and remains unfinished. I cannot really explain it either, regardless of how determined I am, it seems destiny to leave things unfinished.

I guess that is how it goes sometimes. One cannot find a way to complete a project, despite the best of intentions. These projects serve as little reminders of unfinished business, following us in our daily lives.

Sometimes it is small things, like cleaning out the car or a closet. These little tasks get put off until they become bigger tasks than we can manage, and then we ignore them because they are too consuming.

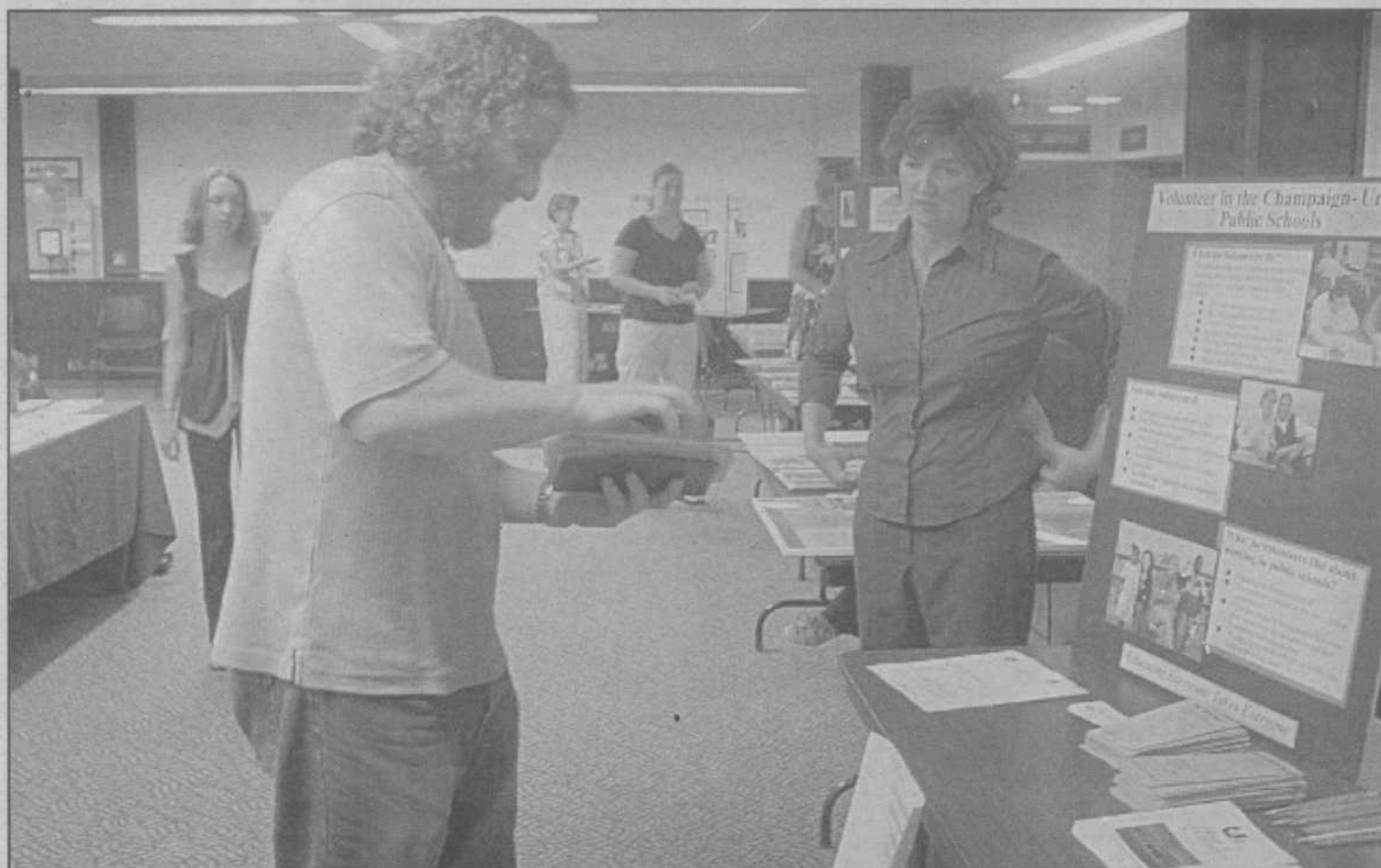
Being in college, those unfinished projects include homework and hobbies. Sometimes a school project is just too much and we pick at it, never finishing it until the absolute last minute.

Sometimes our hobbies become unfinished projects, as school and homework overwhelm us. We just cannot find time for our hobbies, the time to enjoy them simply does not exist.

As a result, we end up feeling disconnected from ourselves, unable to enjoy the things we once did.

That is part of what makes unfinished projects so aggravating. They linger, nagging at one's conscious, practically begging to be completed. Yet most times, the time and or resources simply are not available and so they linger.

I have discovered that as well, learning quite often that even the smallest task can become daunting. It is like that last bit of effort is just too much, the one ounce you don't have to give.



Bryan Nudleman talks with Linda Gibbons at the Volunteer Job Fair on Wednesday, September 14, at Parkland. The Volunteer Fair and the Part-Time Job Fair were both on the same day, giving students an opportunity not only to make money, but to give back to the community.

Nicole Simmons/*Prospectus*

## Student government mysteries solved

By E. CLARKSON  
*Prospectus Staff Writer*

This fall, I will be entering my fourth year at Parkland College. As much as I feel like I know everything about this place, certain aspects still remain a mystery. One of my goals this academic school year is to find out what these aspects are, try to employ the resources (that I have, up until last spring, chosen to ignore) and further my personal interests, all the while diversifying my resume.

I suppose that I had not thought of Parkland as the wonderful resource or starting block that the faculty and staff work so hard to promote. Now in my (hopefully) last year, I am discovering that Parkland holds many opportunities to participate in arenas that I was

unaware existed. Although I am not involved, I feel that I am somehow interconnected with the Parkland Student Government, but it could be that feeling simply stems from the fact that we pretty much share the same office space.

Last week's Student Government elections prompted my curiosity as to what this mix of students that operate less than twenty feet from the space I occupy daily, actually accomplish that benefits the student body.

Student Government President, Christian Burmeister, helped clarify some of my blurry questions. Our Student Government is responsible for organizing and overseeing all student activities and affairs, as well as acting on behalf of the student body at administrative functions. Senators are pres-

ent, and are a voting member at PCA (Parkland College Association) meetings that are attended by Parkland faculty and staff, where policies are discussed and delegated, among other issues.

The Senate is comprised of ten senators, a secretary, treasurer, vice-president, and president. All of these positions are determined through open student elections. (Like the ones held last week.) Senator and Officer positions terms are one academic year. This year, the group holds a "nice collaboration of different ideas", and its members vary from non-traditional students to full time twenty-somethings. Many of the senators are also involved in other student organizations and clubs, as well. President Burmeister emphasized that the Student Government does "any-

thing and everything we can" to benefit and make difference to students on campus. The Student Government's efforts also benefit the community, as well as Parkland students.

They have one major philanthropy project that their fundraising efforts benefit. This year, they will be donating money to the Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club. They also hope to be able to donate towards the Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort.

Comradery, leadership, and general do-goodery seem to be the driving forces behind this organization. I, for one, am wishing that I had been paying more attention to this group for the past couple of years. They make a difference, I want to make a difference, we're practically made for each other. Look out Parkland, I might be campaigning myself.



## Weather Forecast

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high around 88. Calm wind becoming south southwest between 7 and 10 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low near 63. South wind between 6 and 9 mph.

**Thursday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. South wind 8 to 10 mph becoming west.

**Thursday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

**Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 77.

**Friday Night:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

**Saturday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 80.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low near 58.

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 80.

### Corrections:

In the article "Lois Dickson: Parkland's Special Angel" (Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005), Angela Glancy's thought on Dickson in the last paragraph was incorrectly mentioned as coming from Carl Meyer.

In the feature "Just Asking" (Wednesday, September 7, 2005), the pictures of Andrew and Carlton were switched. The *Prospectus* regrets these errors.

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Jordan Lowe and Jeff Rohling use the *Prospectus* as a source of information as they vote in Student Government elections last week. Elections were held last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in College Center.  
 Nicole Simmons/*Prospectus*

## StuGo: Election Results

**Secretary:**  
JoAnne Noto

**Treasurer:**  
Gregory Hayes

**Senators:**  
Kristin Williamson  
Rebekah Horner

Congratulations to those newly elected, and thanks to all that voted!

## Did you know?

Traffic crashes are a common occurrence and could result in fines and citations to the person that is found to have caused the crash. However, being the offender of an unreported traffic crash (Hit and Run) could cost a great deal more in fines and include jail time. Leaving the scene of a crash is a very serious offense no matter if the vehicle is occupied or unattended (parked). If a person leaves the scene of an accident where the vehicle is unattended they should notify police immediately. However, this driver can stay in compliance of the law by leaving information on the victim's vehicle including their name, address, license plate number, and a phone number where they can be reached. If convicted of leaving the scene of an accident of an unattended vehicle the fines can be up to \$2500, suspension of their IL driver's license and a jail sentence up to 1 year. If the crash involved personal injury to the other driver or its occupants the fines can go up to \$25,000, their IL driver's license can be revoked and jail time can be up to 3 years. Please remember to drive defensively and always buckle up.



### Parkland Art Gallery

Through Thursday, September 22: Parkland College Art and Design Faculty Exhibition.

### Staerkel Planetarium

September 23:  
 7:00 p.m.—Fall Prairie Skies.  
 8:00 p.m.—Just Imagine.  
 9:30 p.m.—Pink Floyd's *Dark Side of the Moon*.

Saturday, September 24:  
 7:00 p.m.—Follow the Drinking Gourd  
 8:00 p.m.—Just Imagine.  
 9:30 p.m.—Pink Floyd's *Dark Side of the Moon*.

### Cobra Athletics

September 21:  
 6:00 p.m., Women's Soccer vs. ICC

September 23:  
 4:00 p.m., Men's Soccer vs. McHenry

September 26:  
 4:00 p.m., Men's Soccer vs Lewis & Clark

September 27:  
 6:00 p.m., Volleyball vs ICC

September 28:  
 4:00 p.m., Men's Soccer vs ICC

September 24-25:  
 Golf: Springfield Bulldog Classic

### Parkland Clubs

September 22:  
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. — Phi Theta Kappa, Men's Health Service Project, Welcome Center

September 27:  
 6:15 p.m. — Phi Theta Kappa, Satellite Seminar #1, Topic: The Sexualization of Culture and the Nevada Brothel Industry, D244.

## Keyboard chatter

By LARRY V. GILBERT  
For the Prospectus

**I**T MUST BE very confusing for those who are learning English as a second language. We have so many expressions that really don't make much sense. Admit it; don't we?

For example the *running board*. I would wager that if I asked 10 people what this term means, 8 or 9 would say they don't know. Do you know?

When I was in grade school in Mahomet, our janitor, Billy Adams, drove a 1929 Model A Ford. I told my dad that if Mr. Adams ever stopped driving, I wanted him to buy that Model A.

And much to my surprise, when my two brothers and I delivered the *Champaign-Urbana Courier* to 120 customers, my dad bought that Model A for us. Of course we three did not have a driver's license, so my mother drove for us. We stacked the papers on the front and back seats. Two of us would stand on the running board on one side and the other brother would be on the other side.

Mom would drive the car very slowly down the street, and we would grab a few papers and run up to the houses and then back to the car and jump on the running board.

The running board, if you haven't figured it out yet, is a narrow step just below where the doors open. I haven't seen any on cars for many years, but I understand from my department secretary, Sandy Kumber, that a running board can be ordered as an option for trucks.

That old car was something else! Every kid in the neighborhood wanted to take a ride in this 25-year-old car. That was good news to my brothers and me because we would invite them to take a ride when we were delivering papers, giving us a couple of extras to run the papers to the houses. We were not permitted to throw the papers. Many customers had special boxes something like a mailbox that they wanted us to

use.

The car had no heater, so when it was freezing outside, we had to bundle up with extra clothing to keep warm. If the electric starter failed, we used a hand crank to start it. There were two levers on either side of the steering column. One was used to "set the spark," and the other could be used as the accelerator. There was also an accelerator pedal that could be controlled by the right foot.

If you have never heard a Model A run, you have missed one of the joys of life. That small engine purred like a kitten, and the noise from the tail pipe is unique to say the least. I truly wish I could find one in good shape now!

**O**N THE SUBJECT of cars, I said in last week's column that I would tell the tale of the Corvette and Supt. Lynn H. Gibbs, from Rantoul Township High School.

After each athletic event at the school, the cashiers, history teacher W. H. Oliver, chemistry teacher, Howard Franklin, and I, representing the Business Education Department, would count the money and prepare a deposit to one of the local banks.

Oliver and Franklin were very strict about the procedure. Every piece of currency had to be "faced" (Lincoln on the five-dollar bill showing with his head always to the right). Each stack had to be \$100, etc. When we were finished, one of us would drive Supt. Gibbs to the bank. I volunteered to drive because I wanted him to take a ride in my new '65 Corvette.

Now if you know anything about a Corvette, you know that you must have the engine running a little roughly. Once Mr. Gibbs got in the car and I started it, he had a funny look on his face. By the time we arrived at the bank, he couldn't keep from saying, "Mr. Gilbert, I really don't want to say it, but a new car shouldn't sound like this, should it? I think you should have this car checked."

I just said, "Probably so."



Twins Jeremy and Chris Frost use their matching iBooks in the lounge. Might there be a problem with which computer belongs to whom, guys?  
Nicole Simmons/Prospectus

## Redefining the term 'sold out'

### Sounds in Stereo

By E. CLARKSON  
Prospectus Staff Writer



For everyone who missed Sufjan Stevens last week, you will be sorry to hear that it was a fantastic show. Granted I missed the opener, Liz James, but I made it into the stage area with enough time to introduce my best friends to acquaintances and Myspace friends.

For once, I was not wholly disappointed in the sound quality of the Canopy Club. Maybe the acoustics are altered somehow when a band is playing to a sold out crowd? I can't be too sure from experience, because I can't ever remember a time when I was at a sold out show at the Canopy Club.

Anyways, Sufjan and friends came on stage all bedecked in Illini cheerleading gear, pompoms and sweatbands included. The instrumentation involved was amazing. Just amazing. The menagerie including, but not exclusive to guitars, an organ, a tambourine, trombone, trumpet, and some sort of cross between bagpipe and accordion. Dancing was not an option, as I could barely move amongst the other music fans. After the set, the gang came back on stage and played Chicago (track 3 from *Illinoise*). I love encores. Especially when they play my favorite cut off the album.

It was a fantastic concert. I

hope that all who were unable to get tickets, have tickets to the show in Chicago. Sold out, schmold out. I'm a member of the press. Thanks, Seth.

#### Wednesday 21:

Hardcore/Punk Madness! feat. Signal Lost, The Pedesdrians, System Rejects, The Cockblocks, Red Herring (downstairs at The Channing-Murray Foundation), \$5, 8 p.m., All Ages

CD RELEASE PARTY with Mad Science Fair, Elsinore, Cameron McGill and What Army, Darling Disarm, The Highdive, \$4, 9:30 p.m., 19+

Longbeach Shortbus, Ambitious Pie Party, Canopy Club, \$10, 10:30 pm, 18+

#### Thursday 22:

Valina, Make Believe, Hello. I'm Victor, A Light Sleeper, Courtyard Café, \$5, 7:30 p.m., 18+

The Makers, The Octopus Project, TBA, Cowboy Monkey, \$7, 10 p.m., 19+

Solace @ Soma with Dayhota, DJ J-Philip, DJ Mertz, Soma, free!, 10 p.m., 21+

#### Friday 23:

Baker-Meador-Warnock Organ, Mike 'n' Molly's, \$3, 10 p.m., 21+  
Groovatron, Fotamana, Canopy Club, \$5, 10 p.m., 18+

DJ Little Big Bass, Boltini, free!, 10 p.m., 19+

#### Saturday 24:

Interpol, Boom Bip, Assembly Hall, \$10/\$25, 6:30 p.m., All Ages  
DJ Asiatic, Bobby Skills, Nargile, free/\$5, 6:30 p.m., 19+

Corkscrew After Dark with Paul Kotheimer, Corkscrew Wine Emporium, free!, 8 p.m.

#### Sunday 25:

Numbers, Limited Express (has gone?), Trin Tran, jigsaw, Canopy Club, \$8/10, 10 p.m., 18+

Anomic, Below Eden, Brother Embassy, Cowboy Monkey, \$4, 10 p.m., 19+

High Street Jazz Orchestra, Iron Post, TBA, 8 p.m., All Ages

#### Monday 26:

Shovelwrack, Clybourne, free!, 10:45 p.m., 19+

Quad Remedy Classic Rock, Tommy G's, free, 10 p.m., 19+

Open Mic Night with Mike Ingram, Cowboy Monkey, free, 10 p.m., 19+

#### Tuesday 27:

Parkland Big Band, Iron Post, \$2, 7 p.m., All Ages

Anthrax, Judas Priest, Assembly Hall, \$34, 7:30 p.m., All Ages

Bang! with DJ Impact, Nargile, free, 9:30 p.m., 19+

This list is by no means exclusive of everything happening, but for an even better spectrum of choices, check out:  
<http://www.openingbands.com/intelligencereport>

## Panhandling stems from desire, not need

■ *It's just that simple!*



By **JOE ROSENBAUM**  
Prospectus Staff Writer

It seems like anytime I go out, I am invariably bothered by a homeless person asking for money, cigarettes, etc. Everywhere I go, whether it's the Illinois Terminal, Illini Union, Lincoln Square, etc., there is always somebody asking me for something. I don't understand it at all.

First of all, if you sincerely need food, there are numerous places in Champaign-Urbana that will help supply you with food. The T.I.M.E.S. center, located at 70 E. Washington St. in Champaign offers lunch and breakfast to anyone in need.

The catholic worker house located at 317 S. Randolph in Champaign offers a superb lunch from 11am to 12:30p.m. daily. There is also a plethora of churches and agencies that offer food, clothing, shelter and help fulfill basic needs.

Recently a man (somewhat drunk) stopped me on Green St. and asked me if I was a good Christian man as a prelude to ask me for money. I told him I was a man and sharply asked him what he wanted.

Him and his buddy were drinking forty ounce beers and needed (supposedly) some money for food. I told him he should have bought food instead of beer. He gave me some lame explanation and I walked away in disgust.

Some people might say I should empathize with their plight and be more understanding. If I had never been homeless and hungry, in the depths of addiction and in prison, I might take that suggestion.

The fact of the matter is this; I speak from personal experience. When I say I've been homeless, I don't mean I had a fight with my parents or girlfriend and was sleeping on a friends couch. I mean straight up homeless, living in abandoned cars (in the freezing winter), sleeping on cold, metal staircases, on subway trains, etc.

I know what it means to have absolutely nothing and no hope. Still, I have never begged a complete stranger for anything in my life. I have an understanding of the criminal, hustler mindset and I don't begrudge anyone for their hustle.

I certainly don't condone these attitudes and behaviors, but I understand them. If you are put in a position where you are homeless, you have to survive.

To an addict and/or alcoholic, survival means among other things, getting that next drink or drug. Without an address, phone number, clean clothes and good personal hygiene, it is almost impossible to get a job.

So people do what they feel they have to. Some hustle, whether it's selling drugs, scamming, stealing, etc., they make money for their immediate needs and wants. If you beg for money, you don't even have to hustle.

At that point you are helpless and certainly at the bottom of the food chain.

So the next time a homeless person asks you for money, instead of encouraging their behavior, direct them to the T.I.M.E.S. Center or other appropriate organization listed in the *Help Book*.

The *Help Book* offers information and contacts many organizations dedicated to helping people in Champaign-Urbana.

## 5 Parkland students receive CSBG Scholarship Awards

By **ELLEN SCHMIDT**  
Prospectus Staff Writer

The Champaign County Community Services Board has awarded five \$1000 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Scholarships to Champaign County residents pursuing post-secondary study during the 2005-2006 academic year.

The five scholarship recipients were selected from the 25 applicants for this year. The scholarship winners are LaToria Jake pursuing a degree in Nursing, and Lorrie James, enrolled in the Nursing program both of Champaign. Clodieat Richards studying Business Management and Abebe Tefera studying Pre-Pharmacy both from Urbana. Wanda Robinson from Rantoul is enrolled in the Criminal Justice program.

Denine Benedetto, CSBG Scholarship Coordinator shared that recipient LaToria Jake, "works as a secretary in

the ICU at Carle Hospital. She was inspired by that experience to study nursing herself." LaToria has three children, works full time and attends Parkland part time. This is typical of most scholarship recipients.

Since 1986 these scholarships have been made possible with funds from the Community Services Block Grant awarded to the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Scholarship applicants are chosen by a group of individuals of the Community Services Committee. Committee members are comprised of social services agencies, school representatives and member from the community.

While typical scholarships tend to be awarded for tuition, Benedetto goes on to say, "What makes this grant unique is that the amount of the scholarship can be used for child care, transportation, books or supplies."

In order to be eligible you must be a resident of Champaign County, enrolled at an Illinois post-secondary school but must not already have completed a Bachelor's degree, meet certain financial guidelines, have at least a 3.0 (high school) cumulative grade point average or a 2.0 (post-secondary) out of a possible 4.0 scale, be a full-time student enrolled in 12 or more semester hours, and meet the application deadline.

All applicants must fill out an application which requires an essay on plans for their post-secondary course of study along with what type of career they plan to pursue and why.

If you are interested in eligibility requirement for a scholarship from the CSBG you can visit their web site at:  
<http://www.ccrpc.org>

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One can also view the *Help Book* online at:  
<http://www.prairienet.org/helpbook/>

## Supreme Court changes may affect Social Security

By KRISTIN WILLIAMSON  
Prospectus Guest Writer

On October 3rd, the Supreme Court will head back to work. If all goes smoothly in the weeks ahead, they will welcome two new Justices to the Court.

The retirement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, and the passing of Chief Justice William Rehnquist has left two seats vacant on the nation's highest court.

Long before the President announced his nomination of Judge John Roberts to the Supreme Court, special interest groups and the country's two major political parties had their boxing gloves on and ready.

Before confirmation hearings even begin, partisan politics overshadow just how serious the appointment of a Judge to the Court really is. It is important for all Americans to understand that the men and women appointed to the Supreme Court have the power to decide the Constitutional rights for generations to come.

As the Senate Judiciary Committee begins confirmation hearings of the nominees, the media's focus tends to be on finding out just conservative the President's pick is, and will the nominee uphold *Roe v. Wade* as law of the land.

However, America must remember that there are many areas of our lives that will be affected by the appointment of these new judges. One hot topic that should be especially concerning of young Americans is the issue of Social Security.

In the historic 1960 Supreme Court case of *Flemming v. Nestor* the Court ruled that Americans have "...no legal

right to Social Security benefits and benefits are part of government spending programs, no different in the eyes of the law than corporate welfare or farm subsidies."

We do not know how the nominated Justices will rule on Social Security benefits in the future, especially when the money starts to run out, which is future of the current program if we do not make changes now.

The Presidents proposed plan to give Americans Personal Retirement Accounts is the only way for younger generations to feel confident that they may rely on Social Security to aid their retirement.

PRA's will give Americans control over their retirement accounts, so that the Government can not use their money to fund other government programs.

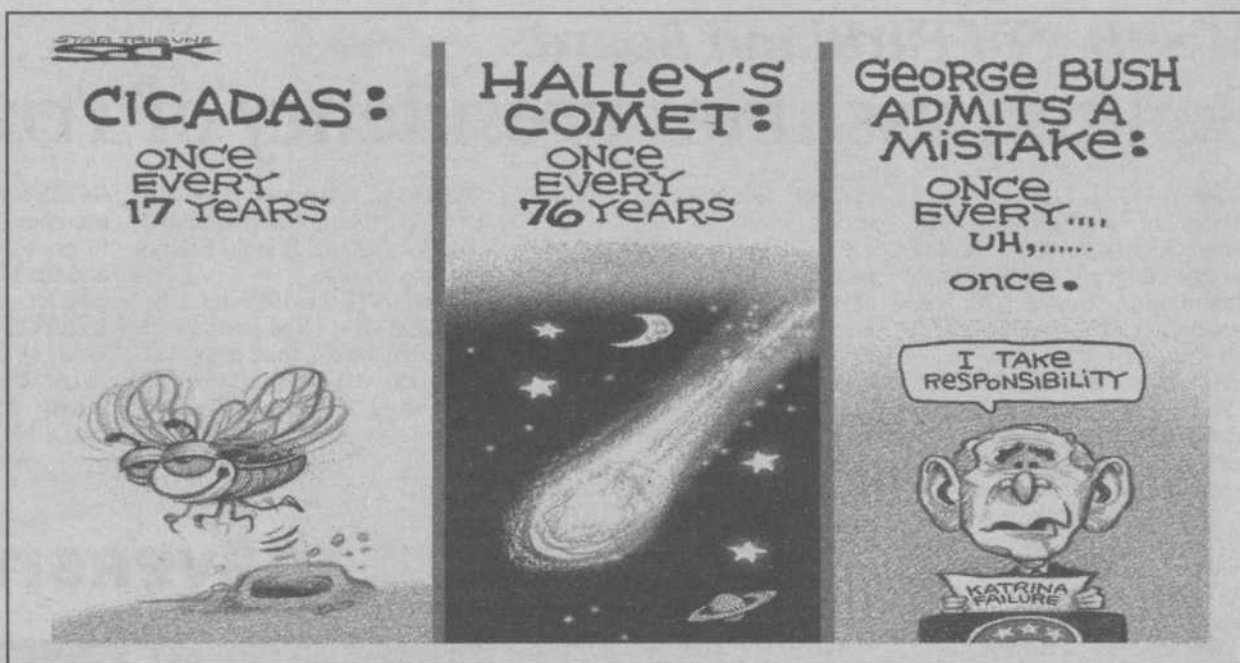
PRA's will give Americans the right to invest their Social Security taxes into private investment accounts, an opportunity to build a real nest egg for the future.

What is even more important about the proposed plan allows any remaining benefits to be gifted to a beneficiary when we are gone.

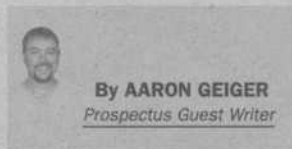
While the Supreme Court is necessary to ensure that every American receives their Constitutional rights, it is important that Americans have power over their own retirement.

It is our duty as Americans to educate ourselves on the proposed plan for PRA's, and tell Congress that we want control over our financial future.

Students for Saving Social Security are a national non-partisan student group advocating personal accounts and submitted this piece.



## Internet and Katrina: The voice behind race and politics



By AARON GEIGER  
Prospectus Guest Writer

Kanye West, in a Red Cross telethon benefiting Katrina victims last week, said, "George Bush doesn't care about black people."

That quote, in itself, was enough to make heads turn in both directions. It made Mike Myer's head snap to the left so swiftly, it instantly lended credit to the controversy Kanye was about to stir up. While Mike was standing next to Kanye on the telethon, wondering "what are people going to think?" he had no idea what the internet would reap.

We're all aware that there have been devastating hurricanes in our nation's history, and perhaps none have been as tragic as Katrina. The past hurricanes did not, however, have the companion of information technology, as well as the impact that the average citizen could have with a well-scripted personal opinion of the events that transpired. That includes blogs, media clips, highlighted texts of video captures, and animated puns.

I've read comments from dozens of sources, from the *New York Times*, to the *Chicago Tribune*, and yes, the sensationalist CNN, but nothing prepared me for the internet response and the inside view it provided me to the American psyche. Let me provide you with a few descriptive examples:

Returning to Kanye West, I've seen a handful of reinventions of his handicraft, which included the original video cap from the telethon, an internet-based T-shirt that has his quote inside the outline of the Louisiana border, and a remake of the game *DOOM* that is titled, "George Bush cares about black people" and depicts a first-person character running through a scene with a shotgun, speaking Bushisms, and shooting looters. Along that thread are songs played behind pictures such as one of Bush playing the guitar with a smiling face in front of a black woman and her baby in front of the Superdome (yes, it's photoshopped).

Have you ever played the best-selling game *SimCity*? One creative person recreated New Orleans and flooded it. A

text box on the front said since there were no fire or police departments, the National Guard has been sent to restore order to the city.

Wolf Blitzer, the award-winning journalist that rose to power during the first Iraq war, was captured on CNN saying, in the middle of some dramatic speech, "The people are so poor, and so black..." His racial faux pas was reposted all over the place. Would CNN rescind the remark? Of course not, but we have the internet to thank for the 'watchdog' journalism that CNN purports and touts so readily.

*The Onion*, reknowned for its theatrical bend on the dose of reality, had the recent headline on their website, "White foragers report the threat of black looters."

Without the need to expound upon that title, there arose almost simultaneously a dual comparison on two picture/story events released by the Associated Press. The first one depicted a young black man wading through the floodwaters with goods in his arms. The news capsule quoted, "A young man walks through chest deep flood water after looting

a grocery store in New Orleans..." The second's picture shows a white man and woman, both wearing backpacks, in the exact same context. The capsule's quote? "Two residents wade through chest-deep water after finding bread and soda from a local grocery store..."

The information is endless, and the majority of the social commentary in many different ways relays an overtone of race and social class in the role of the aftermath of the hurricane. The internet, casted in the part of equalizer, seems to finally have a place in giving the citizen a voice that can even rival the likes of CNN.

Laura Bush may be offended by comments by Kanye, or assertions by the Rev. Al Sharpton, but the judge's decision seems to be in favor of the people in this case. And in this case, the people have spoken, and their words break the media's roar with the taps of fingers on little plastic keys. The irony? Companies like Time-Warner, who own huge portions of internet sales as well as the news juggernaut CNN, contribute to their own humility.

## Member of Parkland Board:

# Bennett assumes presidency of Trustees Association

SPRINGFIELD — Parkland College trustee Thomas M. Bennett of Gibson City has assumed the presidency of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association. His one-year term will end on June 30, 2006.

The Trustees Association is a statewide organization that provides legislative advocacy and professional development opportunities for the state's public community college boards. ICCTA membership is comprised of trustees from community college districts throughout Illinois.

First elected to the Parkland board in 1995, Bennett currently serves as vice chair and held the office of board secretary for 2003 to 2005. At the state level, he was elected vice president of the Trustees Association for 2004-2005 and secretary for 2003-2004. He also served two terms as chair of the association's Diversity Committee.

In 2004, Bennett earned an ICCTA Trustee Education Award for his continuing participation in professional devel-

opment seminars and conferences.

At the national level, he was recently elected to the board of the Association of Community College Trustees, where he has volunteered for its Awards, Finance/Audit, Membership/Communication, Governance and Bylaws, and Public Policy committees.

In addition, he has completed all three levels of ACCT's Education Designations and has presented on education issues at regional and national trustee meetings.

Bennett's interest in education extends beyond the community college level. A former math and science teacher, he was the driving force behind the Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley (GCMS) Education Foundation and has served as president since its inception in 1997. The Foundation provides additional monies to enhance and expand the quality of education and learning opportunities for GCMS students.

In honor of his efforts on behalf of the GCMS Education

Foundation, Bennett received the 2005 Friends and Advocates Award from the Illinois Education Association.

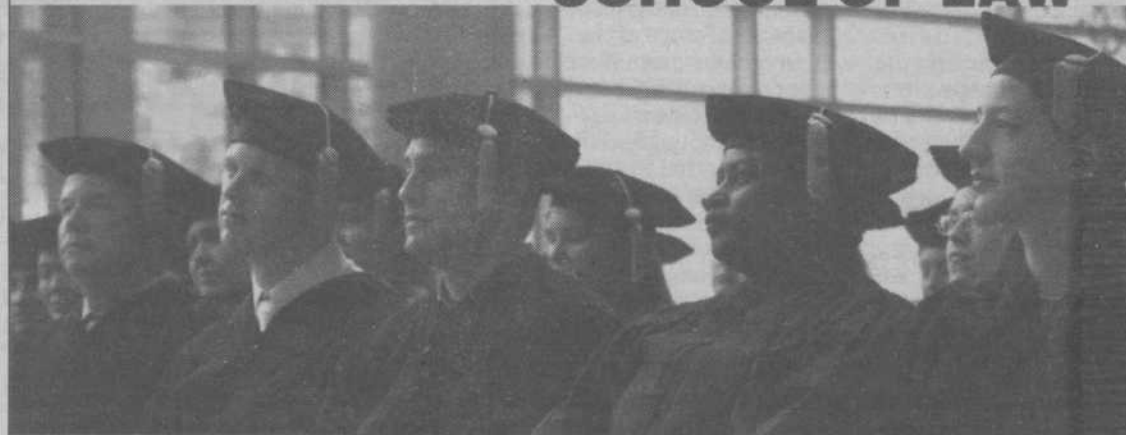
From 1983 to 1989 he was president of a local pre-school education board that provided education experiences for 77 three- and four-year-olds. He later served as a member of the

GCMS school boards and was a member of the 1993 committee to consolidate the Gibson City and the Melvin-Sibley school districts.

Outside the educational arena, Bennett is employed by State Farm Insurance as a professional development manager in the issuance, document man-

agement, testing, and help-desk areas. His civic involvement has included volunteer service with Rotary International as a Paul Harris Fellow, the Ford County Community and Economic Development Foundation, Inc., and the Workforce Development Board of East Central Illinois.

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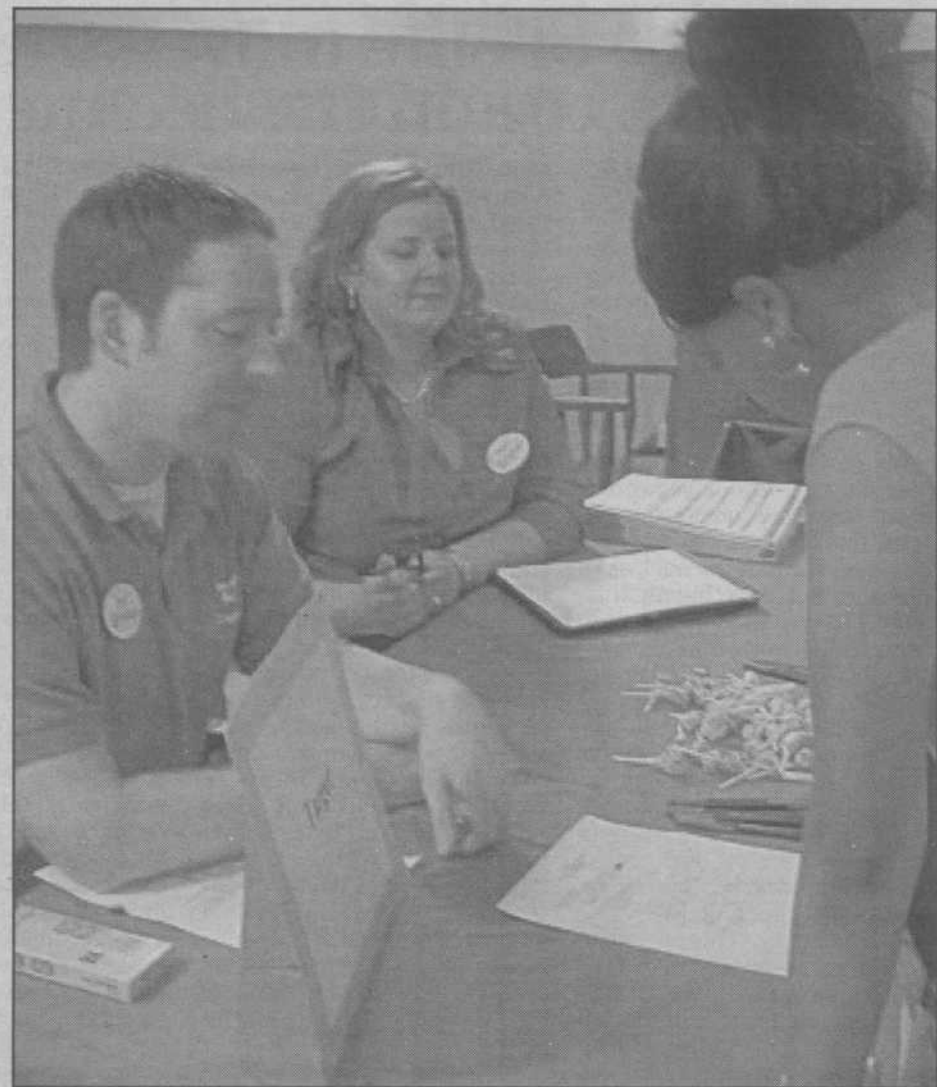
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Top: Sorita Wilson and Nicole Kingery help out David Key at the Part-Time Job Fair. Right: David Fry and Megan Roberts assist Shakia Roberts as she gathers information on prospective employers. Bottom: Celebration about the opening of Urbana's Domestic Partner Registry on September 7.  
Nicole Simmons, E. Clarkson/*Prospectus*



## Relevance of elite universities appears to be on the decline

By FRANK GREVE

*Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)*

WASHINGTON—You can count on one hand the number of Harvard College alumni who've won the coveted MacArthur Foundation "genius" grants in the past five years. Ditto for Yalies. And there've been 119 winners.

It's just one recent hint that attending an elite college may mean less than anxious applicants think it does. Another is a Harvard Business School analysis due out next month that finds the number of alumni from prestigious undergraduate schools declining among top business leaders.

It appears that corporate headhunters and MacArthur judges, who will confer grants on about 20 more creative leaders in the arts, sciences and public policy Tuesday, are pretty democratic when it comes to educational backgrounds.

"We don't say, 'This one went to Harvard—great; that one didn't—too bad,'" said Daniel Socolow, the director of the fellows program at the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in Chicago. "At least at this program, it's what a person's doing and thinking and getting to, not their academic pedigree."

He's not kidding. A Knight Ridder tally of biographies of MacArthur Fellows named from 2000 to 2004 found that they attended 82 different colleges and universities. To Socolow, this was a pleasant surprise.

"We're actually doing what we say we're doing," he said.

Eight winners since 2000 of MacArthur's no-strings \$500,000 grants, paid out quarterly over five years, never graduated from college. Five of them never attended one. But here's the real balm for stressed-out college applicants: More than 30 MacArthur winners graduated from schools that aren't on the latest U.S. News & World Report ranking of the 100 top U.S. colleges and universities.

The fellowships recognize what the foundation calls "exceptional merit and promise for continued and enhanced creative work" in many fields. A secret network of 100 nominators, whose membership rotates frequently to minimize string-pulling, scours the country for

candidates, who can't nominate themselves. A smaller secret panel winnows the nominations to about 30 finalists. The foundation's board makes the final selection.

Among past winners are evolutionary biologist Stephen Jay Gould, novelists Cormac McCarthy and Edward P. Jones, poet Derek Walcott and Children's Defense Fund founder Marian Wright Edelman—none of them undergraduate Ivy Leaguers.

A Harvard Business School study of the 20th century's top 1,000 business leaders, due out in October, finds similar academic diversity. The executives, handpicked for innovation, management skills and bottom-line performance, turn out to have attended more than 200 different colleges. Among them are scores of uncelebrated ones, such as Abilene (Texas) Christian University and Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio. Moreover, while Ivy League graduates dominated U.S. businesses in the first half of the century, the study reports that their numbers fell sharply after 1950.

According to Anthony Mayo, the executive director of the business school's leadership initiative program, "Ivies now have less relevance as a status marker for people who are moving up."

He's co-author of the HBS Press book "In Their Time: The Greatest Business Leaders of the Twentieth Century," which explores the shift by comparing the backgrounds of business leaders who graduated before 1950 to those who graduated in 1950 and afterward. Among its findings is a big increase in the number of business leaders from schools outside the U.S. News' top 100.

A separate study by Spencer Stuart, the New York-based global executive search firm, also finds declining Ivy League representation among chief executive officers of Standard & Poor's 500, a list of blue-chip companies traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Harvard College and the University of Wisconsin now tie for the most CEOs—15—on the list, according to Spencer Stuart. Also among the top 10 are the University of Texas, the City University of New York and the

Universities of California, Missouri and Washington.

There are several theories, each probably partly right, about why the national role of elite colleges seems to be declining.

Harvard's Mayo thinks the GI Bill, which provided federal education grants to millions of World War II veterans, got things going by stoking the Ivy League's competitors.

"It provided a huge opening of opportunities for people of different social and economic classes, and lessened the importance of connections" for success in business, he said.

Surging numbers of former GIs with tuition money to spend strengthened regional and local colleges and universities, he added. A generation later, the number of talented Ph.D.s so far exceeded the jobs available at fancy institutions that talented scholars enriched hundreds of schools nationwide.

While many of these now provide access to high-quality undergraduate education, Mayo said, graduate schools at places such as Harvard continue to enjoy "elitist focus."

Jay Mathews, the author of the admission guide "Harvard Schmarvard," offered a different theory.

Mathews, a Harvard alum, contends that elite schools for undergraduates may not be ideal for imaginative ones.

"The kind of creative and risk-taking traits that MacArthur looks for are not encouraged in an Ivy League education," Mathews said. "Kids who go to the Ivies nowadays are those who are really good at following the rules and gaming the system."

"As far as imagination goes, it's not something that Ivy League admission offices look for. They may even be a bit put off by it."

Patrick Terenzini, a professor at the Center for the Study of Higher Education at Pennsylvania State University, offered a third theory: What students do in college is far more important than where they do it. "What matters is students' engagement with their educational opportunities," wherever they go to college, Terenzini wrote in an e-mail.

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## Depression screening set for Thursday, October 6

Thursday, Oct. 6, the Parkland College Counseling and Advising Center will sponsor a National Depression Screening Day presentation in conjunction with the Champaign-Urbana Mental Health Public Education Committee.

This session is open to the campus and community and is free. It will include the following:

- Video and follow-up discussion about depression
- Information about the symptoms and treatment of depression
- Answers to questions
- Direction for obtaining help.
- Free, confidential depression screening

The presentation will be held at 12:00 noon in C-118.

The speaker will be Doug Yore, RN, BSN, MSW of the Pavilion. In the past this particular workshop has been well received and attended by both students and staff.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact Jennifer Klatsky in the Counseling and Advising Center, 351-2453 or [jkklatsky@parkland.edu](mailto:jkklatsky@parkland.edu).



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## Lady Cobras remain unbeaten

By ERIK PHEIFER  
Prospectus Staff Writer

On September 14th the Parkland College Women's Soccer Team deservedly defeated Springfield College by a score of 4-1 in a game played at Parkland. The win keeps the team undefeated through their first four matches, which includes an unblemished conference mark of 3-0.

The game did not start off well for the Lady Cobras as Springfield opened the scoring in the fifth minute of the match. However, almost all of the scoring chances the rest of the half went the way of Parkland.

The Lady Cobras tied the game at 1-1 ten minutes after Springfield took the lead when top goal scorer Natalie Dixon capitalized on a mistake made by the Springfield goalie to score her 11th goal. Parkland

took their first lead of the game in the 24th minute of the match when Brittany Stuka found the back of the net. The Lady Cobras best scoring opportunity the rest of the half came with eight minutes to play when the goalie deflected Dixon's breakaway attempt over the crossbar.

To start the second half, Parkland came out with much more pressure and continually peppered the opposing goal with shot after shot. Their efforts were rewarded when Kara Bowen scored two goals in a span of four minutes giving Parkland a 4-1 advantage only five minutes into the half.

The Lady Cobras clamped down on defense from then on as their goalie was not forced to make a save in the second half. Parkland created many more scoring chances but could not capitalize on them.

After the game, Parkland's

Head Coach Adam Jenkins was pleased with the result but saw many places where his team can improve.

He said that showing "more effort" and "focusing on things in their control" is something they must do if they want to continue their winning ways.

The Lady Cobras upcoming schedule sees them hit the road for their next contest to play Illinois Central in East Peoria on the 21st. This game is the first of what will be four consecutive away games.

Two of these road games include matches against nationally ranked Lewis and Clark and Southwestern Illinois who are ranked second and 15th respectively in the latest NJCAA poll.

The women do not play another home game until October 9th when they will have a rematch with Southwestern Illinois.

## Top ranked volleyball team stays in control

Parkland College's Volleyball Team remained strong against Lewis & Clark on Friday, September 16. Katie Baker had 28 assists and Kristine Anderson 17 digs to help top-ranked Parkland to a 30-23, 30-22, 30-16 sweep of Lewis & Clark.

Parkland (20-4 2-0) took control of the match early despite playing without regular setter Brooklyn Robbins who was ill. Lauren West added five service aces and Ashley

Miller had six blocks and nine kills for the Cobras.

Next up for the team is a game on Wednesday, September 21. Parkland will try to avenge one of their losses on the season when they travel to Belleville on Wednesday night to face Southwestern Illinois College beginning at 6:30. SWIC knocked off PC 30-28 and 30-23 in the Championship game of the Mineral Area tournament back on August 27.

## Soccer sets record

The Parkland Men's Soccer team won their fourth straight game in record fashion on Thursday with a 15-0 domination of Kankakee Community College. The 15 goals is a school record as were the five goals in one game by Cobra sophomore Matt Patterson (England). Patterson also had two assists in the contest.

Grant Brewer (Mahomet-Seymour) added three goals and assists while Emerson Duo

(Central) and T. R. Wells (St. Charles-North) both added two goals apiece as Parkland led 8-0 at the half.

Jamie Collier, Chris Kesler, and Zach Estes all scored a goal and Eric Kohlenberg added three assists for Parkland (5-3, 2-0) on the season.

The Cobras will play the UI Club team on Saturday at noon at the multiplex fields located at First and Peabody on the UI campus.

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All requests from faculty to alter scheduled final exam times or dates must be reviewed and approved by the Department Chair and the Vice President for Academic Services.

In courses where a final exam is not appropriate, as determined by the Department Chair, an educational alternative scheduled during the week of final exams is expected.

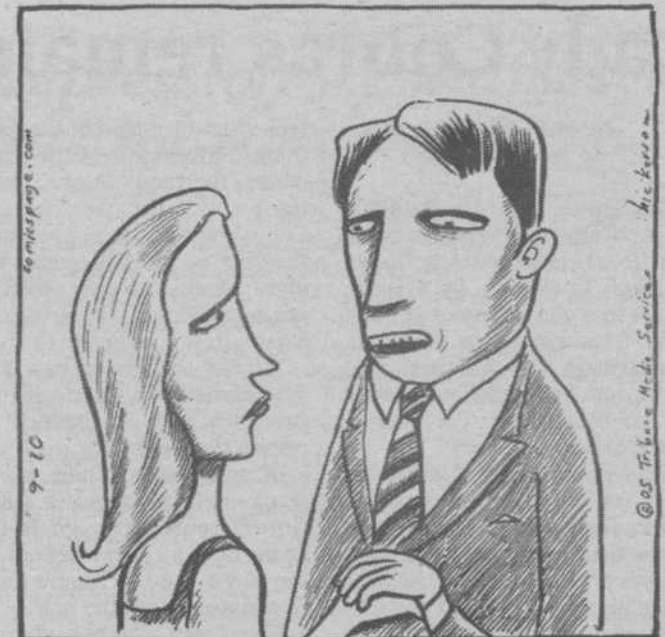
Students: These official College guidelines were established to more fully insure that you receive the full set of instructional class periods for which you paid and to which you are entitled; and that you have the appropriate amount of time to prepare adequately for your final exams. If your final exam is given earlier than scheduled, please contact the Department Chair or the Vice President for Academic Services (351-2542, Room A117).

Three final exams scheduled on the same day may be considered a conflict. Conflicts may be resolved by arrangement with the faculty of these courses.

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## Two Dudes

by Aaron Warner



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## Just asking ... Do Parkland's organizations benefit or improve the college?



Kayla

I think they improve it.



Tom

Haven't really participated. But I suspect it must help out a little bit.



Julia

I am not familiar with student organizations.



David

If most got involved it would be better; more should join.

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CLIP-A-TIP COLLEGE COUPON

by Aaron Warner

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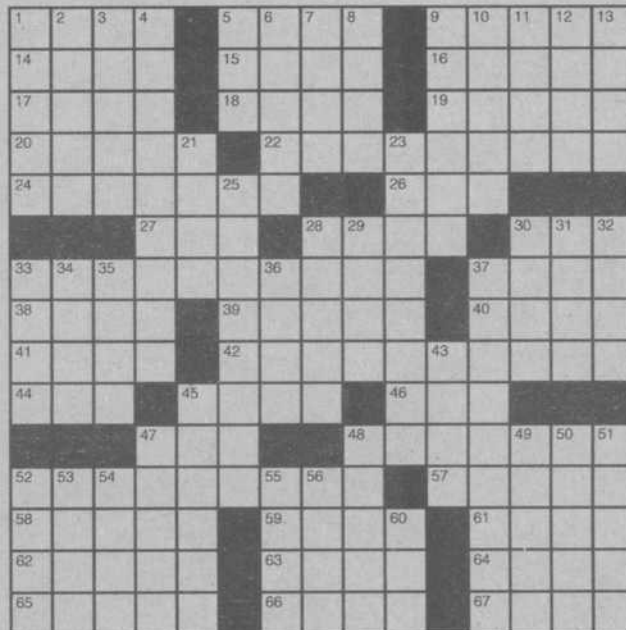
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- 5 Scoffing laughs
- 9 Stratum
- 14 Out of the wind
- 15 Windows image
- 16 Greek marketplace
- 17 Mythical birds of prey
- 18 Modern Siamese
- 19 Start to eat
- 20 Abrupt transitions
- 22 Forcing out
- 24 Phases
- 26 Victory sign
- 27 Coupe or sedan
- 28 Lost traction
- 30 Youth org.
- 33 Drawn out
- 37 Talon
- 38 Frost coating
- 39 "Alfie" star Michael
- 40 Corporate ID
- 41 Yikes!
- 42 Dictatorial
- 44 Links score
- 45 "Bonanza" role
- 46 Olympic runner Sebastian
- 47 Sun. homily
- 48 Most astute
- 52 Back in America
- 57 Pignons
- 58 Snooped
- 59 Stable staple
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- 63 Clock sound
- 64 Lecher's look
- 65 Westerns writer Max
- 66 Like an unswept hearth
- 67 Makes a wrong turn



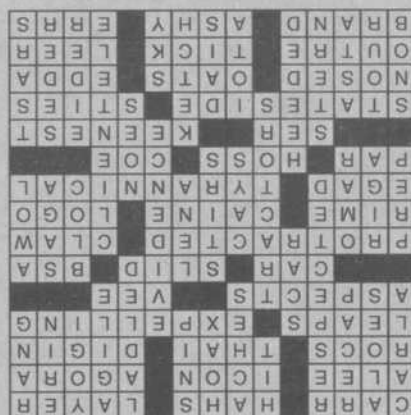
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### DOWN

- 1 "Cheers" barmaid
- 2 Medicinal plants
- 3 Post-game summary
- 4 Much-admired
- 5 Box-office smash
- 6 Post-workout woes
- 7 Prank on the press
- 8 Cut short
- 9 Served, as soup
- 10 Nimble
- 11 Hindu mystic
- 12 Actress Gray
- 13 Called
- 21 Battle souvenir
- 23 Outward sign
- 25 Deere vehicles
- 28 Moves emotionally
- 29 Olin or Horne
- 30 Like-minded voters
- 31 Historical novel
- 32 MP's quarry
- 33 Private school, briefly
- 34 Latvia's capital
- 35 Actor Sharif
- 36 Small islands
- 37 Customers
- 43 Refusals

### Solutions



- 45 Listened to
- 47 Severe
- 48 Two-masted vessel
- 49 Downy duck
- 50 Passover feast
- 51 Russian rulers
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- 54 Dog star?
- 55 Greek letter
- 56 Speaker's platform
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Above: Dan Wild starts a caricature; Steve Gipson patiently sits as Steven Wilkey sketches him.

Below: At the Volunteer Fair on September 14, Jonathan Clarke and Barbara Abram fill out paperwork. Also pictured, Karen Collins and Beth Denney discuss volunteer opportunities.

Nicole Simmons/*Prospectus*

## *It was a busy week on Campus*

